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For: METHOD OF DNA SHUFFLING WITH POLYNUCLEOTIDES  
PRODUCED BY BLOCKING OR INTERRUPTING A  
SYNTHESIS OR AMPLIFICATION PROCESS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 IN REPLY TO FEBRUARY 13, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is submitted in reply to the February 13, 2002 Final Office Action which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application.

A reply to the Final Office Action was due May 13, 2002. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time until August 13, 2002. The fee of \$460.00 for a small entity is hereby authorized to be deducted from Deposit Account No. 08-0219. Thus, a reply is now due August 13, 2002 and this Amendment is being timely filed. Applicants note that concurrently